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FOR AMBASSADOR BREWSTER

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USUN FEB 27, 1978 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 0893

FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR WRIGGINS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS-PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE

REF: (A) STATE 048595, (B) STATE 049153

1. I SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN SEEKING AN EARLY APPOINTMENT
WITH PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION
OF HIS DECISION NOT TO ATTACH AMERASINGHE TO SRI LANKA
LOS DELEGATION. REFTELS PROVIDE ME WITH SUFFICIENT
BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENTATION FOR REASONED APPROACH.

2. I BELIEVE IT WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN MY PRESENTATION
TO BE EQUIPPED BEFOREHAND WITH ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING
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QUESTIONS:

(A) WHAT RECOMMENDATION HAS NEW SRI LANKA PERMREP
FERNANDO SENT TO COLOMBO ON THIS MATTER? THERE ARE
OBVIOUS DIFFERENCES FOR ME TO MAKE IN MY DISCUSSION WITH
THE PRESIDENT DEPENDING ON WHETHER I AM SUPPORTING
OR OPPOSING HIS PERMREP'S POSITION.

(B) WHAT COMMUNICATION HAS SEC GEN WALDHEIM SENT

TO GSL IN REGARD TO THIS LATEST PROBLEM? IT WILL BE
RECALLED THAT THE WALDHEIM-ZULETA EFFORT WITH
JAYEWARDENE TO ALLOW AMERASINGHE TO REMAIN AS LOS
PRESIDENT AFTER EXPIRATION CONTRACT AS GSL PERMREP
WAS SUCCESSFUL AFTER OTHERS APPROACHED WITHOUT EFFECT.
WILL I BE SUPPORTING THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S RECENTLY
COMMUNICATED REQUEST? WRIGGINS UNQUOTE VANCE

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